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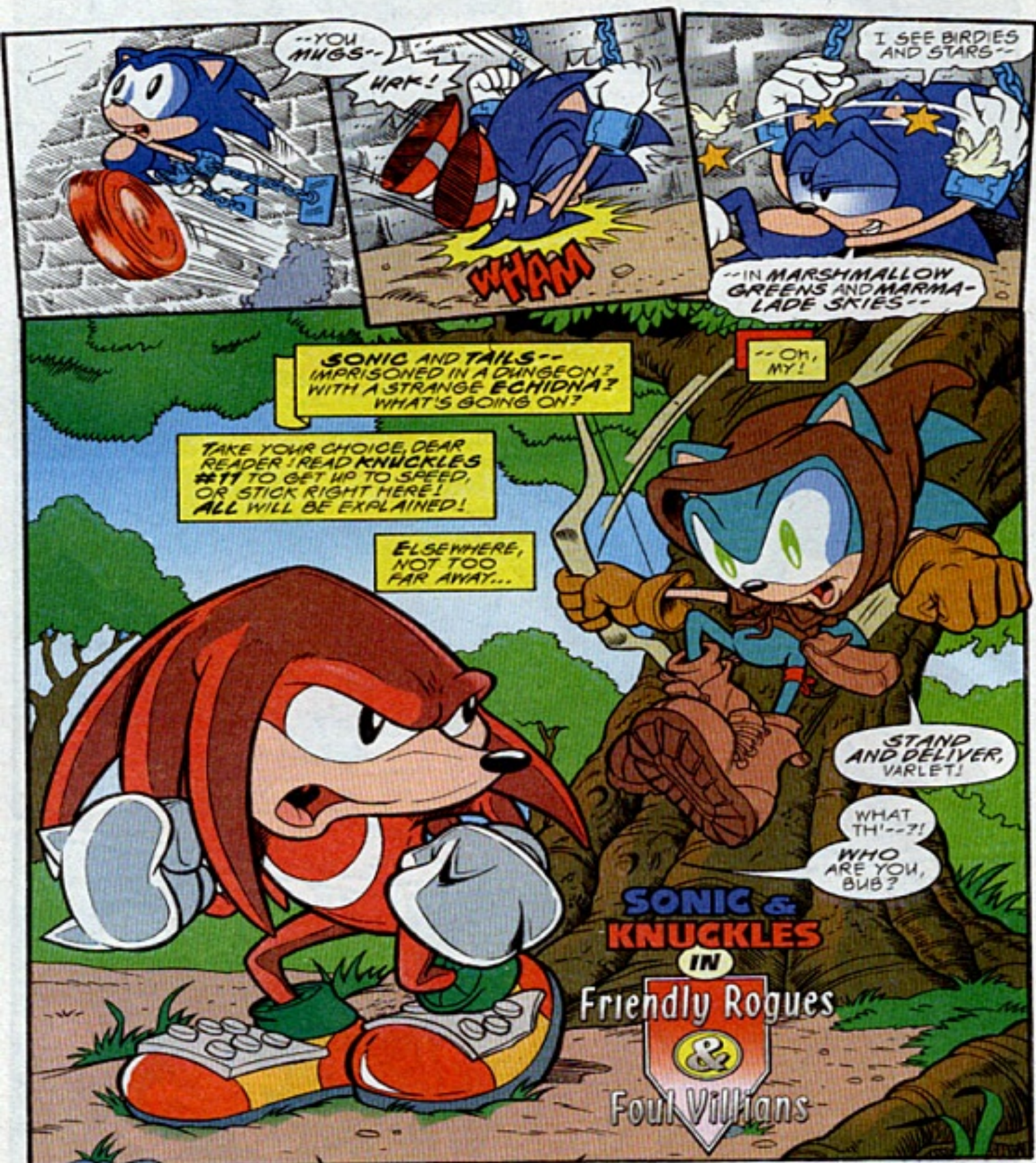
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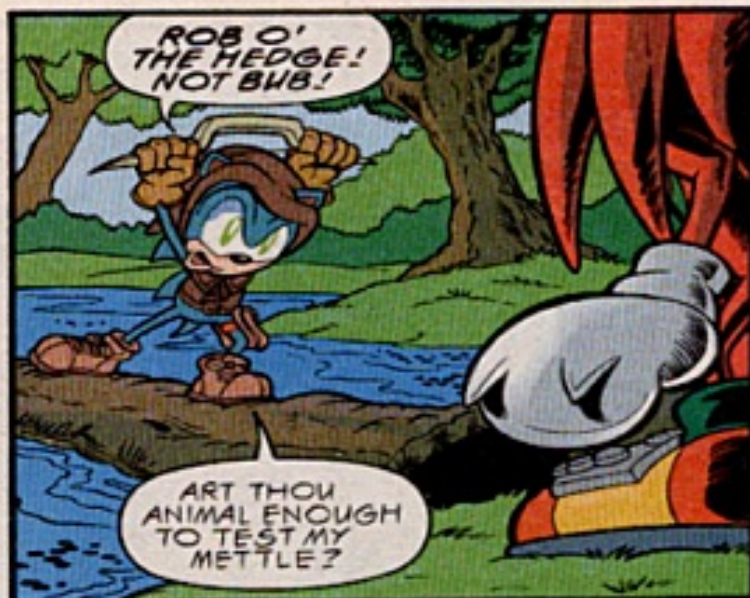
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"...MERRY
ADVENTURE
AND BOON
COMPANION-
SHIP!"

HOW'D YOH
FOLKS END UP
HERE?

THE
WEATHER
GOES NHTS
SOON'S WE
HEAD FOR
SAFER
GROUND!"



MAYBE WE SHOULD
SIT THIS OUT, SONIC!

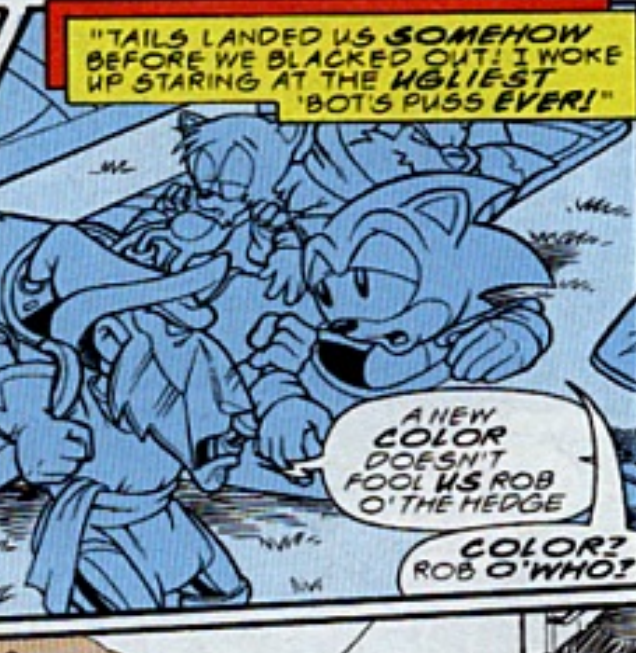
EITHER
WAY, WE'RE IN
TROUBLE,
I'LL
BUDDY!

*SONIC REFERS TO THE DAY OF
FURY IN KNUCKLES #10 - JUSTIN



"OKAY, FLYING INTO
A STORM WAS DUMB
BECAUSE--"

HIT
THE SILK,
SON--



"TAILS LANDED US SOMEHOW
BEFORE WE BLACKED OUT! I WOKE
UP STARING AT THE UGLIEST
'BOT'S PUSS EVER!"

A NEW
COLOR
DOESN'T
FOOL US ROB
O' THE HEDGE

COLOR?
ROB O'WHO?



TOO DIZZY
TO FIGHT, WE
GOT DUMPED
IN HERE!

SO
WHAT'S
YOUR
STORY?

MY TRIBE OF **ECHIDNAS** SEARCH FOR A HOMETLAND. WE RAN INTO **ROBOTS**, PROBABLY THE **SAME ONES YOU MET!**

THEY FORCED THE TRIBE TO WORK, AND LOCKED ME UP--

* Read KNUCKLES: THE FORGOTTEN TRIBE in ISSUES #10-12, now on sale-- JFG

--THOUGH I HAVE NO IDEA WHY!

I THOUGHT ECHIDNA'S ONLY LIVED ON THE **FLOATING ISLAND!**

NOT SO! WE--

YOUR TURN, **ROB O' THE HEDGE!**

THEY'RE BACK!

THE NAME IS **SONIC**, **BOLT-BRAIN!** S-O-N--

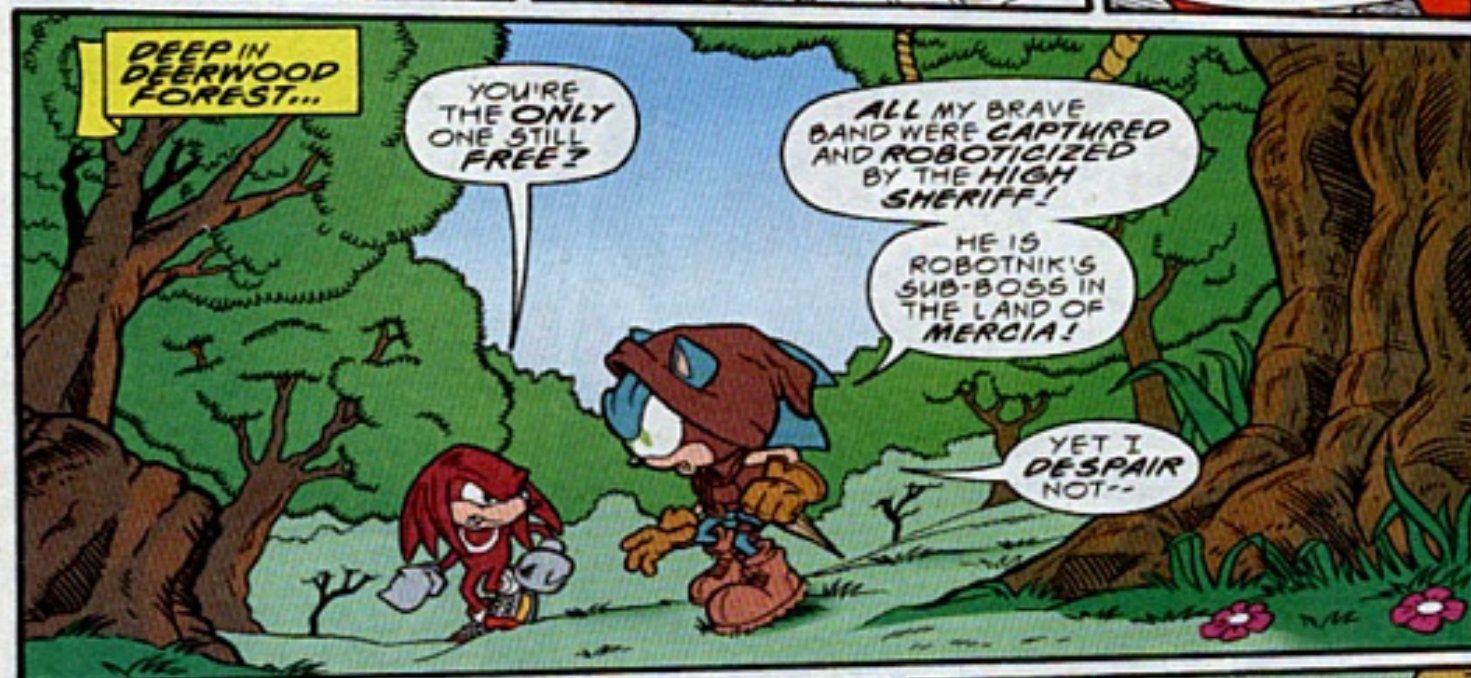
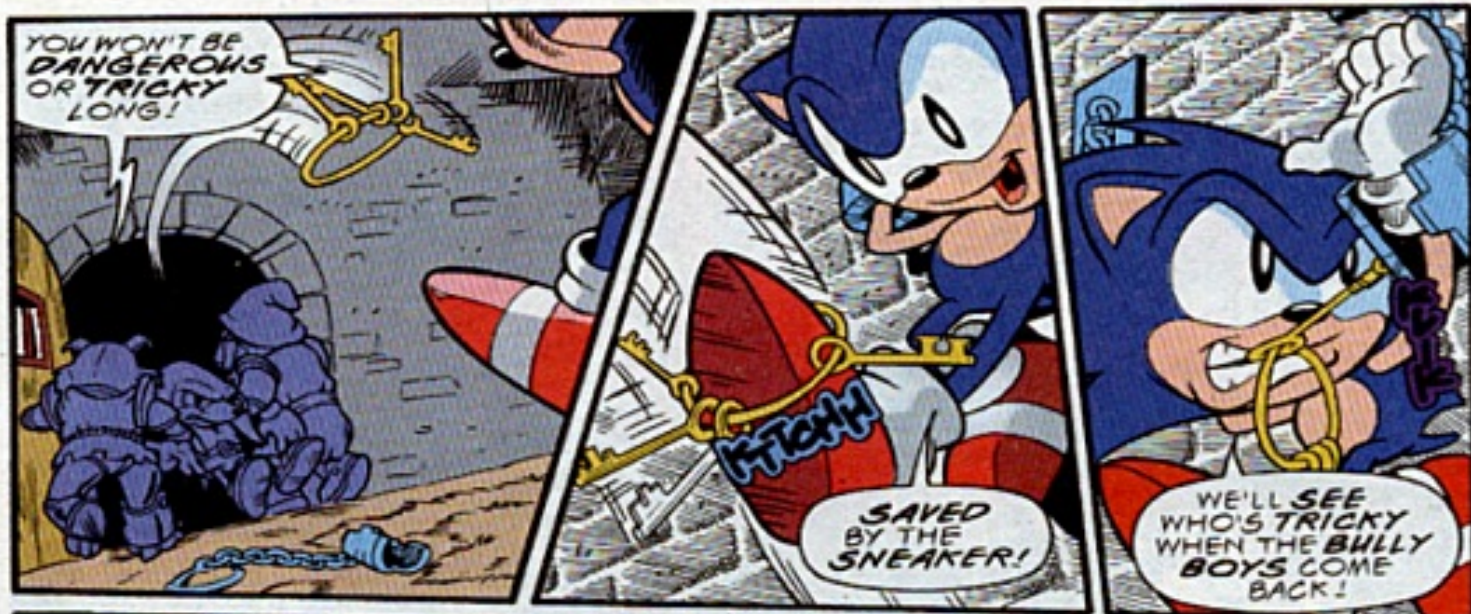
SPARE US YOUR TRICKS, **ROB O' THE HEDGE!**

WHY TAKE HIM?

I'M MUCH MORE DANGEROUS!

YOU ARE?

LET THE **HIGH SHERIFF** DECIDE!



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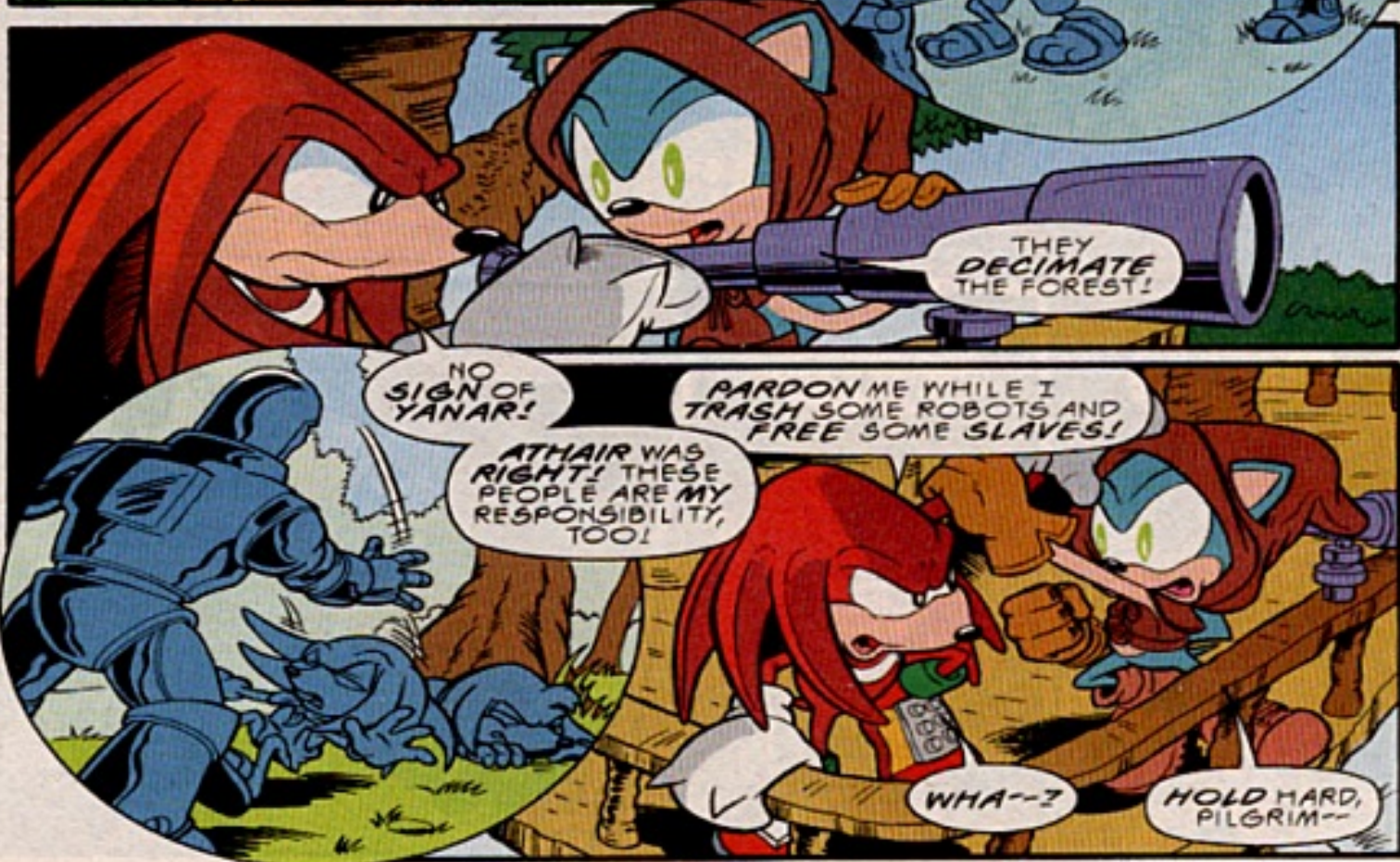
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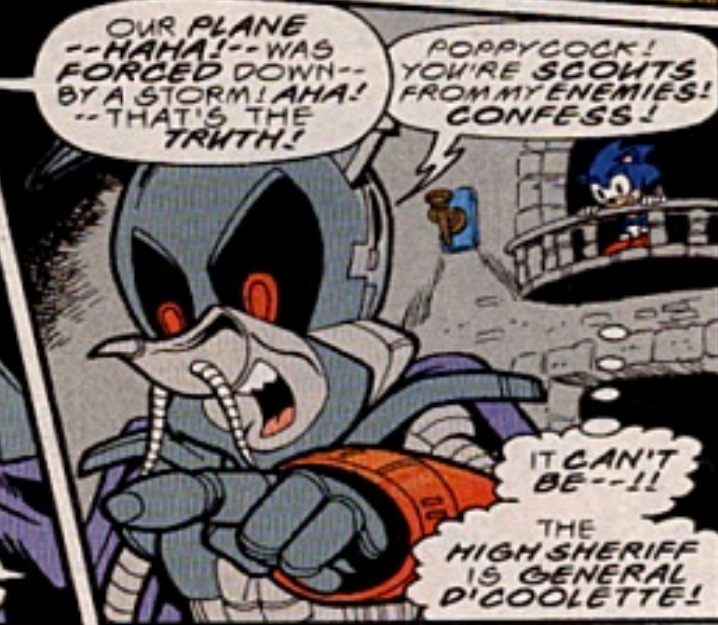
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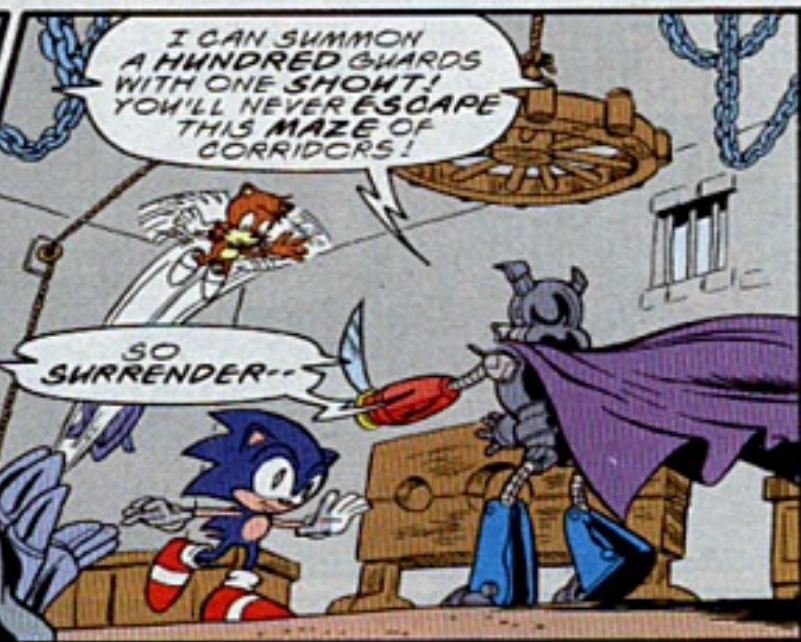
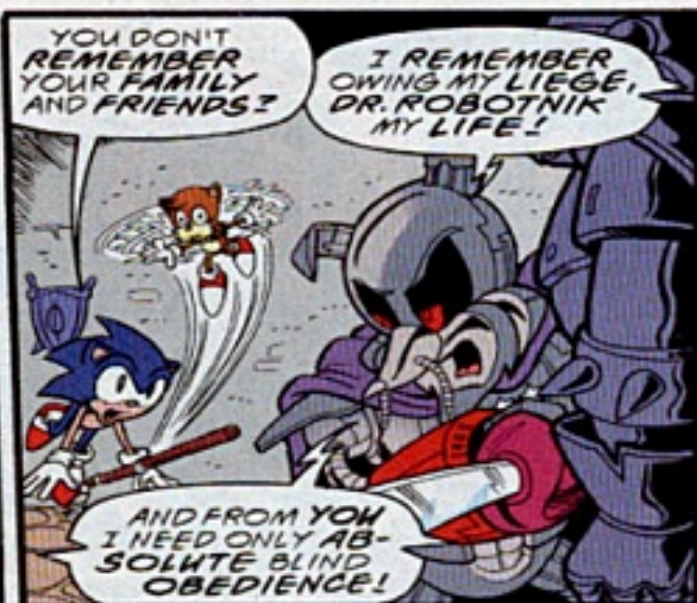
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Letter
And
To our
Writers
Artists!













LET'S BOOGIE
TAILS, AND DON'T
SPARE THE
JUICE!

BUT NOW
THAT WE'RE
LOOSE--



--WHICH WAY
DO WE GO?

HOLD, FRIEND
KNUCKLES!

PRAY,
LINGER
WHILE I
QUERY YON
STRANGER!



DO I KNOW
HIM? SOMETHING
FAMILIAR--



STAND
AND DELIVER
VARLET!

FAN ART

SONIC



HEATHER
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AGE 14



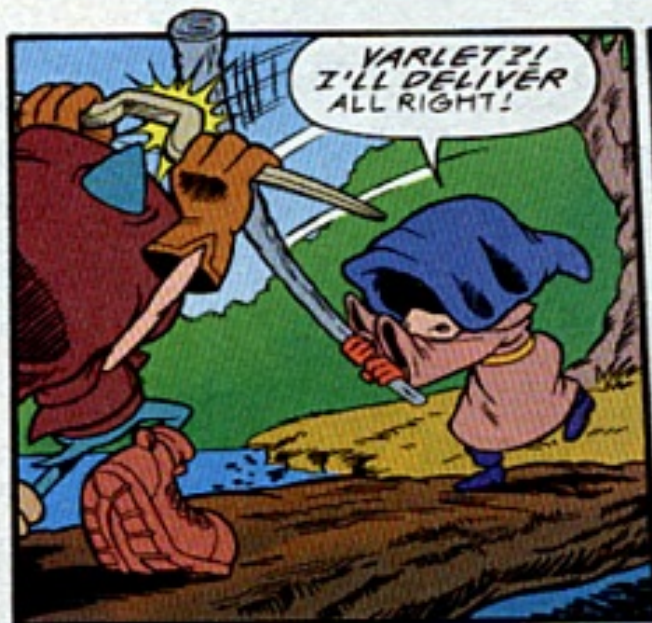
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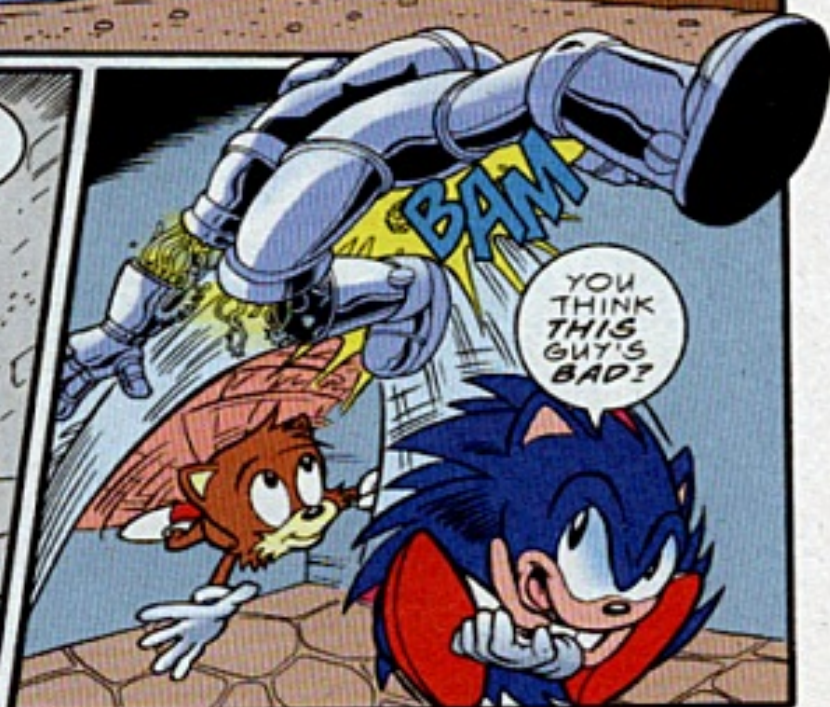
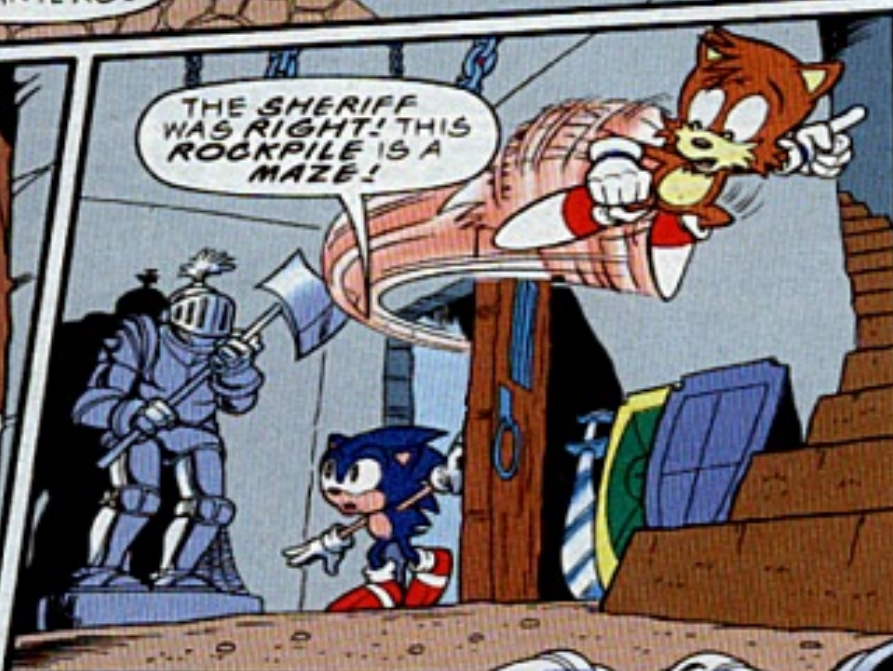
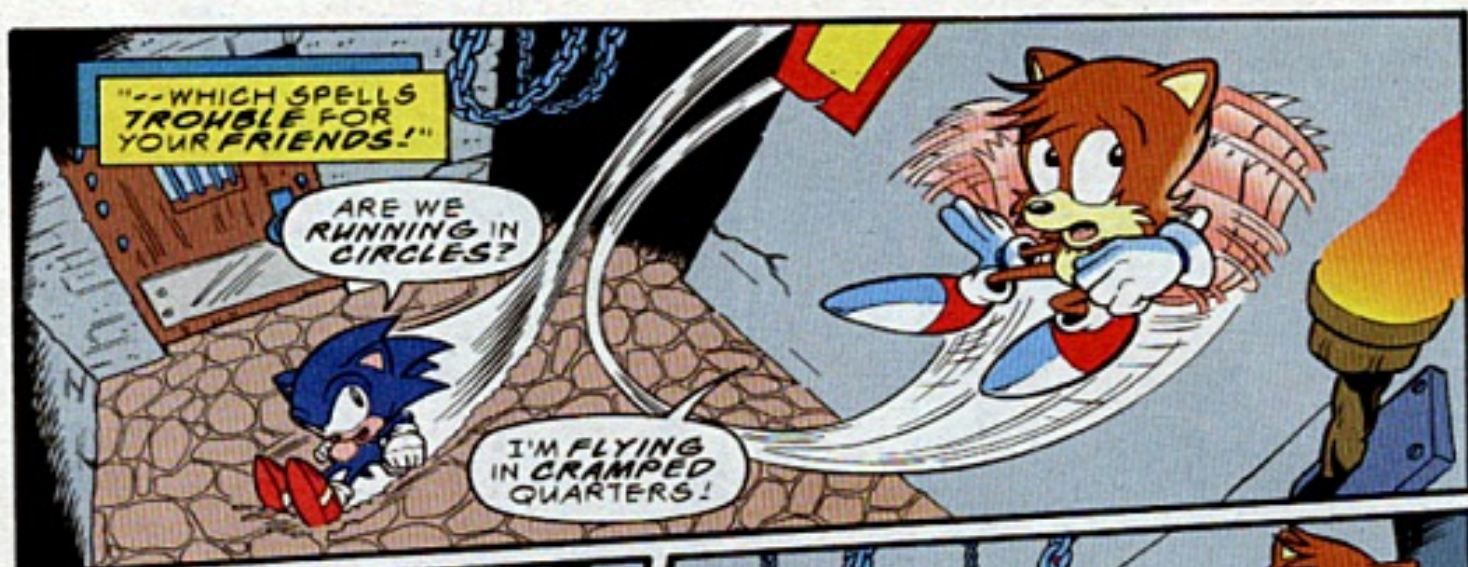


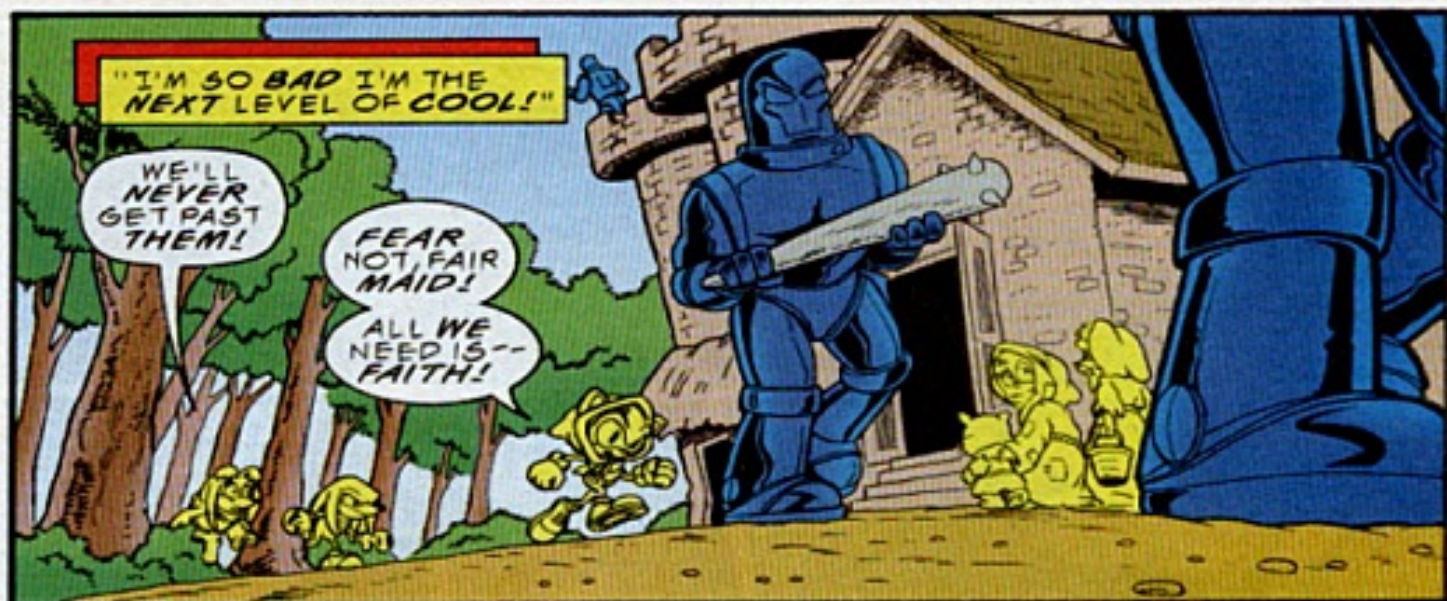
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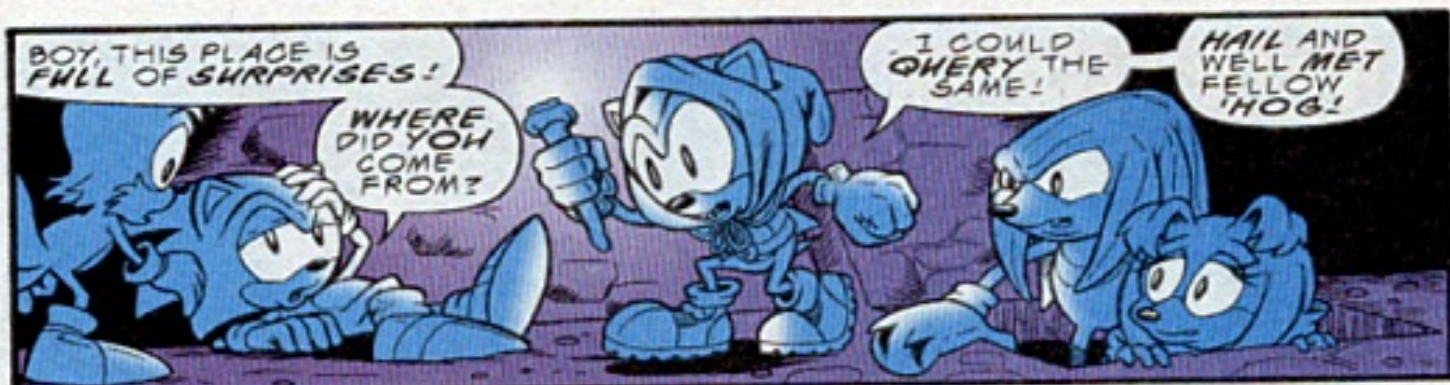
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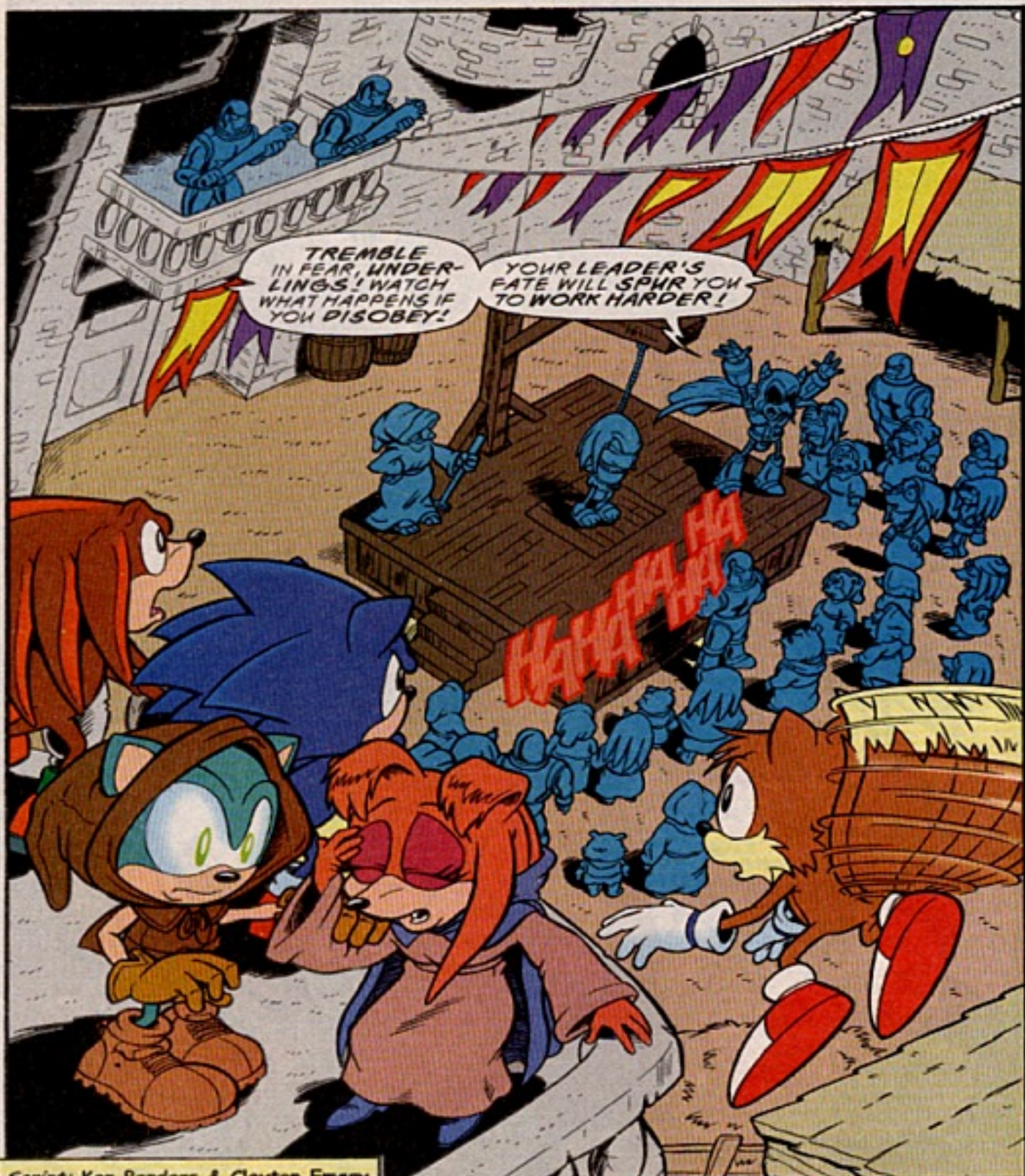












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IF YOU CAN STAND TO WATCH,
DEAR READER'S, CHECK OUT
KNUCKLES #12! THEN JOIN US
HERE NEXT MONTH FOR SONIC
#59--AND ALL-NEW ADVENTURE!

Tales of the Freedom Fighters

STARRING KING ACORN

IN

The Living Crown

IT'S BEEN OVER A WEEK SINCE THE SPIRIT OF IXUS NAHGWS WAS DRIVEN FROM ME, HORATIO--

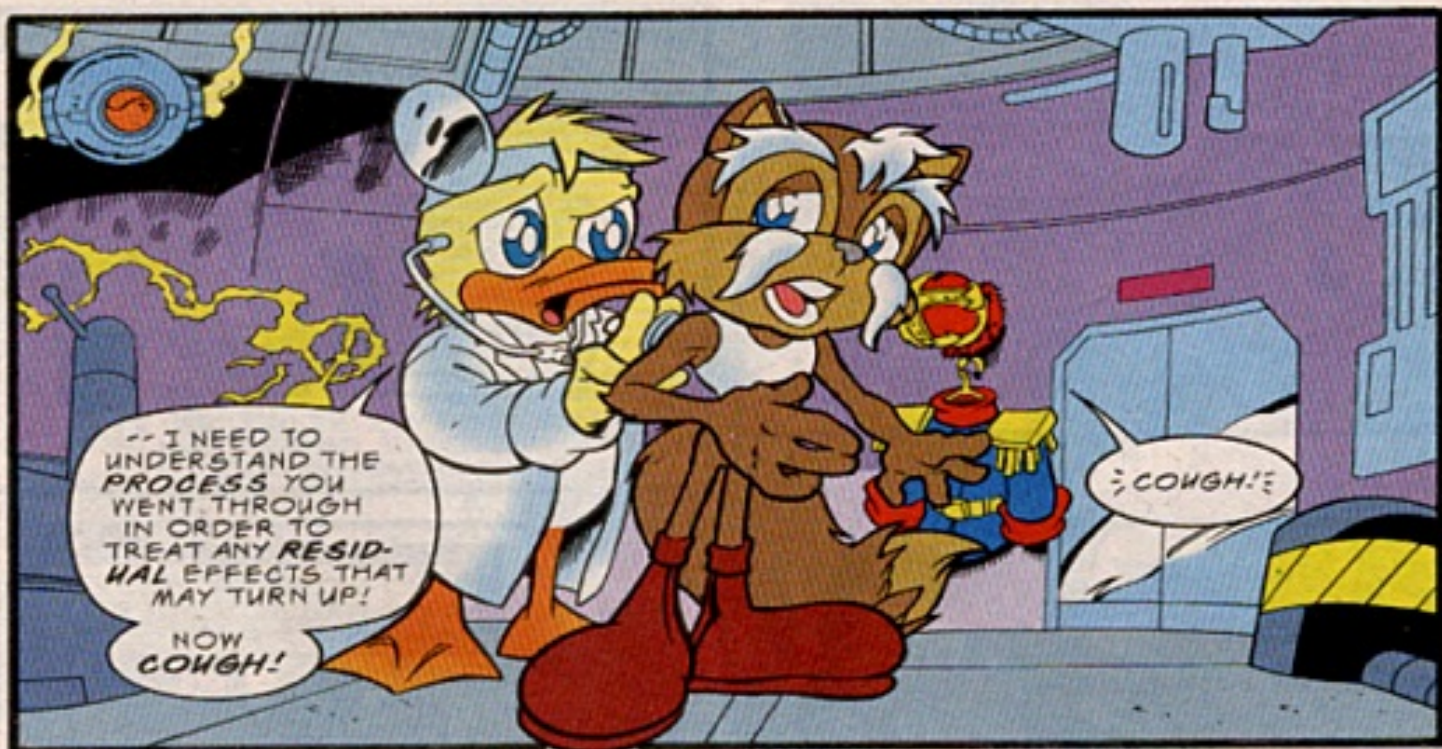
--AND STILL YOU CONTINUE TO POKE AND PROD AT ME AS IF I WERE A TEST SPECIMEN!

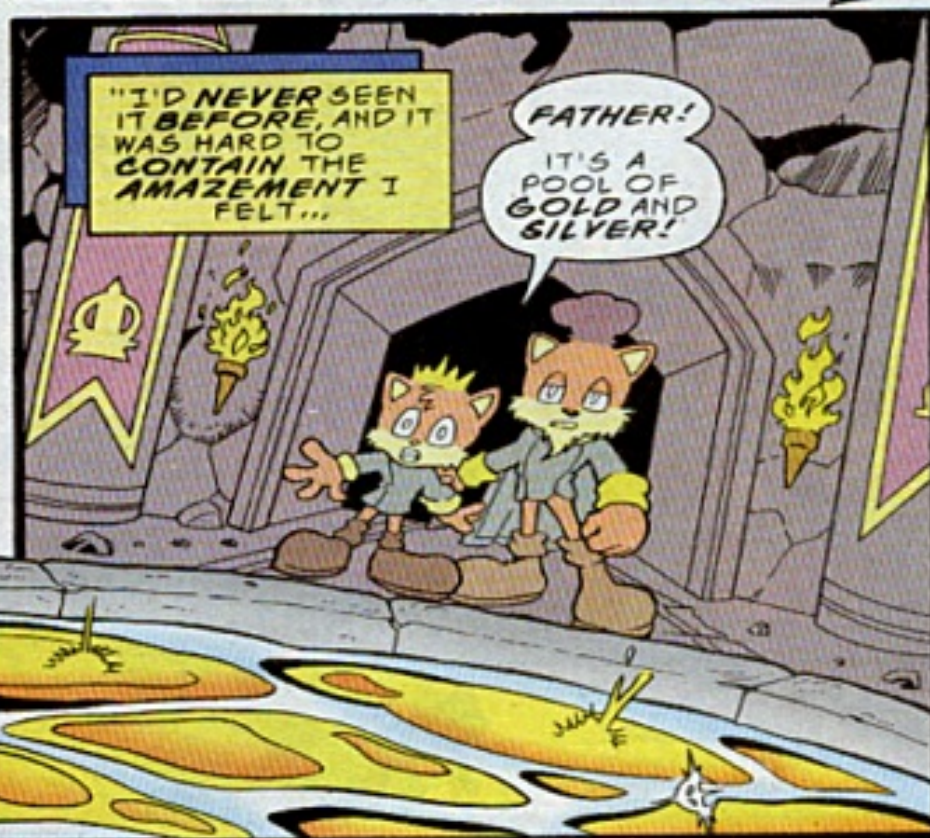
I'D APOLOGIZE, YOUR HIGHNESS, IF YOU WERE GOING THROUGH ALL THIS MERELY TO SATISFY MY SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY--

--BUT AS YOUR PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, MY PRIMARY DUTY IS TO ENSURE YOU ARE IN THE BEST OF HEALTH!

CONSIDERING THE TRAUMA YOU'VE RECENTLY SUFFERED--

"AS CHRONICLED IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #4 'RETURN OF THE KING'. -- Justin







IT'S MORE
THAN JUST LIQUID,
MAXIMILLAN!

IT'S THE
SOURCE OF OUR
POWER!



IT FEELS--
ALIVE!



"I WAS DIRECTED
TO WADE INTO THE
POOL AND TOTALLY
IMMERSE MYSELF!"

"I COULDN'T COMPRE-
HEND THE EXPERIENCE
AT THE TIME, BUT IT FELT
WARM--COMFORTING
AS IF I WERE AMONG
FRIENDS..."



"I EMERGED,
COVERED HEAD
TO TOE WITH THE
METALLIC
SUBSTANCE..."

STEP
INTO THIS TUB,
MY SON!

"...THE LIQUID METAL
DRAINED OFF MY
BODY--"



"--AND BEFORE IT COULD
HARDEN, THE LIQUID WAS
POURED INTO MOLDS USED
IN CREATING MY CROWN AS
WELL AS THE SWORD OF
ACORN!"



I WAS UNAWARE
THEN, BUT I HAD
BONDED WITH THE
SOURCE OF
ALL!

"THE
SOURCE OF
ALL?"



WE ALL BEGAN
LIFE AS A SPECK
OF COSMIC MATTER
THAT FLOWS FROM
THE SOURCE OF
ALL!

ONLY A SELECT
FEW ARE PROVIDED
GUIDANCE TO LEAD
THE MANY--

--WHILE THE
MANY ENJOY THE
FREEDOM TO PURSUE
THEIR DREAMS
AND WISHES!

FOR THE FEW,
HOWEVER, COMES A
CURSE WITH THE
BLESSING!

WHAT PURPOSE
DOES THE CROWN
AND SWORD SERVE
THEN, SIRE?

THEY'RE
MY LINK TO
THE SOURCE
OF ALL!




"WHEN JULIAN INITIATED
HIS COUP, I ENGAGED
HIS SWATBOTS IN
BATTLE..."



"THE SOURCE DEVINED THAT
THE ODDS WERE OVERWHELMING
AND PROVIDED THE OMEN FOR ME
TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY..."

ROSIE...
WITH THE
CHILDREN!



ROSIE, I COMMAND
THEE AND JULAYLA TO
TAKE THIS SWORD AND
HIDE IT SAFE FROM
ENEMY EYES!

MY LIEGE!
WHAT ABOUT
YOU?



NEXT: SALLY

SONIC-GRAMS

J. Freddy Gabrio
Editor

THIS JUST IN!

THE CONCLUSION TO THE SONIC/KNUCKLES CROSSOVER!
IN TWO WEEKS: WHAT CAN WE SAY EXCEPT TO: "RUN, DON'T WALK, AS SOON AS THIS ISSUE HITS THE STANDS!" ALL QUESTIONS THAT POPPED UP DURING THIS STORYLINE WILL BE ANSWERED INCLUDING REVELATIONS OF THE ECHIDNA RACE AND THE "OTHER." **STORY BY KEN PENDERS. ART CHORES BY MANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOY. KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #12 ON SALE MARCH 1998!**

NEXT MONTH: THE RETURN OF THE STRANGEST CHARACTERS TO EVER GRACE THE PAGES OF SONIC: **HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL!** NOT SEEN SINCE SONIC #4, AL & CAL ARE EVEN MORE INSANE THAN THEY EVER WERE. HOW DO SONIC AND TAILS FIT INTO THIS STORY? LET'S JUST SAY THEY HAVE NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER BUT TO BE INVOLVED. **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #59 ON SALE LATE MARCH 1998!**

AND IN FIVE WEEKS: IN THE MAIN STORY... WITNESS THE STORY OF HOW TAILS GOT HIS FIRST SNEAKERS AND HOW SONIC SAVED THE DAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER AS A HERO AGAINST ROBOTNIK. BROUGHT TO YOU BY STORYTELLERS TOM ROLSTON, ART MAWHINNEY AND JIM AMASH! BUT THAT'S NOT ALL FOLKS, THERE ARE TWO MORE BONUS STORIES OF SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS THAT MUST NOT BE MISSED. WITH A COVER BY SPAZ AND HARVO, THIS BABY SCREAMS TO BE PART OF YOUR COLLECTION. **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #5: SONIC KIDS ON SALE APRIL 1998!**

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

FREDDY



KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA #12
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50
HAD MORE SNAIL MAIL AND E-MAIL
THAN ANY OF THE PREVIOUS THREE
ISSUES COMBINED. PROBABLY AN
ISSUE THAT WILL BE TALKED ABOUT
IN SONIC LORE FOR A LONG TIME.
HERE ARE A FEW LETTERS OF WHAT
YOU SAID...

DEAR SONIC-GRAMS,

I HAVE BEEN REALLY EXCITED OVER SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG #50! I JUST RECEIVED IT AND READ IT
IMMEDIATELY. I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT THE OPENING
SEQUENCE: FIRST IT LOOKS LIKE UNCLE CHUCK BEFORE
HE WAS ROBOTICIZED AND WHO I THINK MIGHT BE
SONIC'S FATHER SAYING A SOON-TO-BE ROBOTNIK. ALSO,
I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE HUMANS VS.
MOBIANS WAR, ON TO MORE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:
1) WHEN SONIC AND ROBOTNIK ARE FIGHTING IN THE
END, WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO THEM THAT LED TO
ONLY SONIC SURVIVING? 2) WHAT HAPPENED TO
SNIVELY? 3) WILL SONIC EVER FIND OUT THE SECRET
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHAOS EMERALDS AND POWER
RINGS? AND TELL SPAZ TO KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

ALVARO HERNANDEZ
COSTA MESA, CA

I'M GLAD YOU'RE ENJOYING
THE FINAL INSTALLMENT "END GAME"
SERIES. THE OPENING SEQUENCE WAS
A DREAM ROBOTNIK WAS HAVING
ON HOW HE CAME TO BE AMONG
THE MOBIANS. THE HUMAN-LIKE
CREATURES ARE KNOWN AS
OVERLANDERS AND THERE WAS A
GREAT WAR BETWEEN THEM AND THE
MOBIANS. AS WARLORD JULIAN IVO,
HE HELPED THE MOBIANS DEFEAT
THE OVERLANDERS. THIS EVENTUALLY
LED TO HIS COUP OF THE MOBIAN
KINGDOM AS DR. IVO ROBOTNIK.
1) ROBOTNIK'S NEW WEAPON...
THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR,
MALFUNCTIONED AND ERASED ALL OF
EXISTENCE FOR A SECOND.
EVENTUALLY EVERYTHING WAS
RESTORED TO NORMAL EXCEPT FOR
ROBOTNIK. THIS WAS DUE TO
SNIVELY'S TAMPERING OF THE DEVICE.
2) HE ESCAPED. 3) KEEP READING.

TO, TRUE BLUE!

I LOVE SONIC COMICS. I'M ELEVEN YEARS OLD
AND I CAN DEFINITELY SAY I AM A SONIC FREAK!! 1)
WHAT HAPPENED TO ROBOTNIK IN SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG #50? IS HE GONE FOR GOOD? 2)
WHERE CAN I PICK UP A PAIR OF YOUR SNEAKERS? 3)
CAN I STILL GET A COPY OF SONIC IN YOUR
FACE SPECIAL #1? 4) DO YOU LIKE THE
GREEN BAY PACKERS?

KURT KLINGER
BELLEVUE, WI

THANKS A BUNCH FOR LOVING
MY BOOKS. I COULD TAKE FULL
CREDIT FOR IT, BUT I WON'T. I'LL
TAKE HALF THE CREDIT AND THANK
ALL THE WRITERS AND ARTISTS THAT
CREATE THESE STORIES FOR THE
OTHER HALF. 1) READ THE LAST
ANSWER FOR THAT ONE. 2) CAN'T
DUDE. THESE WERE CREATED FOR ME
BY MY UNCLE CHUCK WITH A PAIR OF
OLD SNEAKS AND A DOSE OF POWER
RINGS. HE MADE THEM SO I'D STOP
WASTING THE SOLES EVERYTIME I RAN
AT (THERE I SAY IT...) SONIC SPEED! 3)
ANYTHING THAT IS NOT LISTED IN
THE SONIC CHECKLIST IS SOLD OUT!
SORRY, MAN. 4) SO LIKE WHAT DO
THEY PACK ANYWAY?



TO THE NOT-JUST-CLASSIC BUT WAY-PAST-CLASSIC SONIC
GANG AT ARCHIE COMICS.

THIS IS A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
50TH ISSUE FROM THE GUY IT HAD DRAMA, ACTION, AND
BEST OF ALL, THE END OF OL' BUTTNIK!! I THOUGHT
THE ARTWORK WAS ESPECIALLY BRILLIANT IN THIS
ISSUE. TOOK NOW, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE THINKING, "HANG
ON... A LETTER FROM BRITAIN? BUT OUR COMIC ISN'T
SOLD THERE." WELL, I VISIT AMERICA EVERY YEAR IN
AUGUST AND HAVE BOUGHT WHATEVER SONIC ISSUES I
COULD FIND, PAST AND PRESENT. I HAVE SOME
QUESTIONS: 1) ROBOTNIK IS THE ONLY CHARACTER I
HAVE TROUBLE DRAWING. DO YOU HAVE ANY TIPS? 2)
WHO IS JULES IN ISSUE #50 AND WHAT HAPPENED TO
THIS CHARACTER? 3) WHAT TYPE OF ANIMAL IS
ANTOINE? 4) WHO ARE DRAGO AND HERSHEY? WHEN
DID THEY FIRST APPEAR? TELL BOTH SONIC AND
KNUCKLES I THINK THEY'RE BOTH BRILL!

ABIGAIL RYDER
GRINDER328@AOL.COM

WHAT'S UP ABIGAIL FROM
BRITAIN? LOVE THOSE COMMENTS!
1) WELL, IF YOU MUST DRAW THE BIG
ROUND ONE, JUST THINK OF AN
UPSIDE-DOWN TOP AS SOFT AS A
WATER BALLOON. 2) JULES IS MY
FATHER AND IF YOU READ IN SONIC
SUPER SPECIAL #2: BRAVE NEW
WORLD, THEN YOU FOUND OUT JUST
LIKE I DID THAT BOTH HIM AND MY
MOTHER WERE STILL ALIVE BUT
ROBOTICIZED. 3) ANTOINE IS JUST
PLAIN DUMB. JUST KIDDING. 'TWAN
IS A COYOTE. 4) HERSHEY WAS A
CITIZEN OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE
(THE POPULATION WAS ABOUT 100
MOBIANS). DRAGO WAS A PART OF
THE WOLF PACK UNTIL HE BETRAYED
THEM AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
TO TAKE WHATEVER ROBOTNIK
PROMISED HIM.

DEAR SONICNOTES,

GREAT COMICS!!! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO
PUT IT. GREAT COMICS!!!

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DEAR SONIC GRAMS,

I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING... THIS COMIC
ROCKS!! IT IS ONE OF THE BEST COMICS ON THE
SHELVES THESE DAYS... AND YOU'RE CHARGING WAYYYY
LESS THAN IT'S WORTH! ISSUE #50 WAS THE BEST
ISSUE YET! I LOVED THE STORY AND THE COMBINED
TALENTS OF MOST OF THE WRITERS AND ARTISTS WHO
EVER WORKED ON SONIC. IT WAS GREAT, ESPECIALLY
THE LITTLE TRAIT YOU THREW IN FOR THE FANS: A
PIN-UP BY SCOTT SHAW! IMPRESSIVE WORK, GUYS! I
THINK IT'S GOOD TO SEE OL' IVO GONE FOR A WHILE.
THIS COMIC IS READY FOR SOME NEW ENEMIES. MY
VOTE'S ON MAMMOTH MOGUL. THERE'S DEFINITELY MORE
TO HIM THAN MEETS THE EYE. I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO
WAIT AND SEE. AS LONG AS YOU KEEP MAKING SONIC
COMICS, I'LL KEEP BUYING THEM.

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SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE A DEAL,
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**UNTIL
NEXT
MONTH,
KEEP
ON
JUICIN'!**